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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, between lines ~~14~~ and 15, (prior to "Detailed Description of the Invention"), insert the following new paragraph:

a' --Figure 4 is an alternative embodiment of the injector 28 and the preheater 34.--